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In re Application of: HOWLAND, Charles A. Group Art Unit: 1771

Serial No. 09/944,066 Examiner: BOYD, Jennifer A.

Filed: 08/30/2001 Dkt No: W0490/7030

For: MULTI-LAYER AND LAMINATE FABRIC SYSTEMS

To: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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RESUBMISSION OF RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTIONFiled December 3, 2003

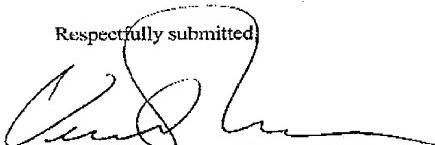
Pursuant to a telephone conversation on December 29, 2003 between Examiner Jennifer A. Boyd, USPTO, and Debra Stengel, of Maine & Asmus, Applicant respectfully resubmits Response to Non-Final Office Action, originally timely filed on December 3, 2003 via facsimile. According to Examiner Boyd the original Response to Non-Final Office Action has not been entered into the USPTO's electronic system and has not been matched to the case file. Therefore, she suggested this resubmission.

Applicant respectfully herein submits:

- 1) 22 pages Response to Non-Final Office Action, submitted December 3, 2003;
- 2) 1 page Fee Transmittal form, submitted December 3, 2003; and
- 3) 1 page USPTO Auto-Reply facsimile Transmission, dated December 3, 2003, showing a 23 page fax received;

[X] DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500323 AUTHORIZATION - All necessary fees relating to the attached submittal, if any, are intended to be included. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees relating to the submittal to deposit account 500323, registered to Vernon C. Maine P.L.I.C., dba Maine & Asmus, contact telephone no. 603-886-6100.

Respectfully submitted



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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE
AMENDMENT**

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office's Non-Final Office Action dated 10/03/2003, the Applicant has timely enclosed herein: 22 pages Office Action Response and 1 page Fcc Transmittal to cover cost of Extension for response within first month:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.

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